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Slight student loss won't derail district

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

When Romulus schools officials finished the all-important head count on Sept. 26, the results were good for the district.

Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss said that the district lost only .03 percent of the student body, or 13 pupils, from the 2007-08 totals. That brings the enrollment to 4,315 students from 4,328 in 2006.

"We regard this result to be very good when you consider the state of the economy and the losses suffered by the districts around us," Weiss said Tuesday.

"When you look at Taylor, they lost students. Wayne-Westland lost hundreds of students, and Van Buren lost about 75," he said. "If it were just us that lost a handful of students, it would be different."

The district receives about \$8,400 in per-student funding from the state for each child enrolled, which means it will lose

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about \$109,000 in funding this year. Weiss said the loss sounds like a lot of money, but it's nominal in the \$43 million district budget.

Before count day, district officials were unsure what to expect of enrollment. When school board members approved the budget several months ago, a contingency plan was

put into place that would be implemented if 250 students were lost.

Though that prospect did not materialize, the district is still in financial straits. As part of the budget, several educators and support personnel had to be laid off, but many have been called back.

The reason the district did not suffer more severe losses is because of Schools of Choice – a state program it began participating in two years ago that allows a district to enroll out-of-district students, officials said.

"The (in-district) enrollment would have gone down if not for the schools of choice," Weiss said. "It's not a good trend, but we have to realize that people are moving out of this part of Wayne County. It's going to affect school districts eventually."

This year, 100 students were enrolled through schools of choice, mostly at the elementary school level. Last year, 35 were

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21 homes in city sell at auction

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Now that the county tax auction is complete, officials say that 21 homes in the city of Romulus were purchased by investors or house-seekers.

The tally of the county-wide sale, which ended Sept. 18, is an ominous sign for city officials concerned with the number of tax and mortgage foreclosures in the city, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"I'm not surprised by the number of homes that they foreclosed on," he said. "But we're talking to the court, getting a numbers of mortgage foreclosures – the court handles evictions for the banks – and it is numbering about 20 a month. It's just terrible."

Keith Owens, a spokesperson for Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz, could provide the number of homes purchased but not the dollar amounts on each property. This year, only unoccupied homes were put up for sale – which means fewer bidders and fewer properties to choose from, Owens added.

Typically a jam-packed days-long event, 2007 Wayne

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Engineers Marleen Bandy and Lisa Parks join Plant Manager Rick Sutton and student Mollie Wimsatt for a day of planting.

GM butterfly garden flies high

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The employees at the General Motors Engine Plant have butterflies, and not for the reason some may think.

The Romulus Engine Environmental organization, which was formed to find ways to encourage conservation and provide a better environment within manufacturing settings, has built a butterfly garden at the Ecorse Road facility in an attempt to gain recognition as a Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) Wildlife at Work certified site.

Lisa Parks, an environmental engineer at the facility, said her group has worked for several weeks to implement the garden on a parcel of land the company was paying to mow.

"We created the garden to gain some recognition and support environmental issues," said Parks. "Other GM plants had implemented programs throughout the company, and we thought we had a good opportunity here."

The WHC is an organization that helps large landowners, particularly corporations, manage their unused lands in

an ecologically sensitive manner for the benefit of wildlife and offers certifications for those that apply. To gain that designation, employees will monitor the types of butterflies and the natural habitat created at the garden during the seasonable months, said Parks.

Parks and several other GM-Romulus volunteers were required to have the plantings in the ground by July 31 in order to be eligible for the August 2008 certification application deadline. The

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Teacher Cherry Liu and paraprofessional Jennifer Xu teach the kindergarten students a traditional Chinese story about a rabbit and a wolf through song and dance.

Kindergarten students learn to speak Chinese

Andrea King
Staff Writer

In Cherry Liu's kindergarten classroom at Tyler Elementary School, everything is foreign because almost everything is in the Chinese language.

As part of the new pilot program in the Van Buren Public School District, children receive the opportunity to learn a foreign language in the Chinese Immersion program.

"It's all Michigan Grade Level content expectations, so when you're teaching numbers, you're teaching it in both English and Chinese," said Barb Santo, principal at Tyler Elementary in Belleville.

In immersion programs, students aren't taught the second language, but they acquire it in the same way a child learns a first language: through experience. Students are taught all the same subjects expected in any program with the addition of Chinese Language Arts. The main difference is half of the instruction is in Chinese, according to officials.

"It seems to be the language of the business world and it gives the kids that leg-up," said Santo.

This is the first year for the Chinese Immersion, which includes about 40 students. Parents have the option to enroll their children in the program and, so far, there's been an overwhelming response, Santo said.

"I have parents that drive-in from Saline," she said. "They're pleased and they've even offered to help."

Last week, students were busy learning numbers, shapes, Chinese songs, like the rabbit and the wolf, how to write their name in Chinese and the Chinese

Festival. Most is taught through song and dance.

"For some of them, this is the first time they've ever even heard Chinese, but in the classroom they get engaged and learn it," said Liu. "It's a lot of games, a lot of role playing and singing, too."

Lui, who came to the United States in August, said the program is unique because the children can learn the language more here—something they couldn't necessarily do in China.

"They can't just go to China and learn the language," she said. "This is that real opportunity for them."

"They're doing great," Lui added. "The first day of class most of them could speak Chinese, it's amazing. They're all interested in learning the language."



Cherry (Jian Xiang) Liu came to the United States in August to teach the new Chinese Immersion program for the Van Buren Public School District. She has a degree in Chinese foreign language from Beijing Normal University.

Hazardous waste day is set

The Van Buren Township Environmental Department will host a free household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Environmental Quality company east parking lot, located at 49350 North I-94 Service Dr.

All household hazardous waste items will be accepted at no cost to township residents. Examples of acceptable items include: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaner, stain remover, medicine, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemi-

cals, pesticide, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, household batteries and pool chemicals.

Items that will not be accepted are: commercial waste, industrial waste, smoke detectors, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, asbestos, propane tanks, tires, unknown/unlabeled wastes, shock sensitive materials, fire extinguishers, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances and concrete.

For more information, contact the township environmental department at (734) 699-8913.

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Harvest festival grows into regional event

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville will soon be the site of old-fashioned activities and plentiful crops as part of the upcoming Harvest Fest.

The Fred C. Fischer Library, the Belleville Area Museum and area organizations will host the daylong festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 20. This year the event will include free demonstrations, a farmer's market, entertainment and other ongoing activities.

"We continue to do it each year because the kids just love it," said Library Director Debra Green. "It's hands-on activities that they can do, plus it's free."

The Harvest Fest will have various activities located at the library, museum and Fourth

Street in downtown Belleville. It was started by members of the Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library as a way to highlight the history of the city, and has grown into an annual collaborative event.

"I love it because several business groups and organizations take part," said Green. "Every year it's something different that people really enjoy, but the children always like the petting farm and activities, like carving apples."

The library festival portion will feature time-honored favorites including: Indian corn jewelry, corn husk dolls, butter churning, candle dipping, ink stamping, soap carving, leaf rubbing, face painting, a petting farm and pony rides. At the museum, activities include quilt-

ing, spinning, lace making, corn shelling, basket weaving, folded paper crafts and an old-fashioned game table, as well.

Children can also participate in a nickel dig, which will have \$75 worth of nickels hidden in a pile of straw and a scavenger hunt that will take them around the festival searching for different clues and answers for prizes.

"It gets the children to go throughout the museum and library to get them to look carefully at all the places," said Museum Director Diane Wilson.

The Central Business Community will serve hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks, while the Belleville Professional Women's Club will serve desserts.

New this year, entertainment will be provided by Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic and

Bobbi Hurst, a Belleville resident, will perform dulcimer music at the museum.

The Citizens Helping Improve Public Safety (C.H.I.P.S) will also host a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at the First Untied Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors.

The best part about the Harvest Fest: it's free.

"I hear so many people tell me their kids grew up on the event, that's how well received it is," said Wilson. "It gives children a change of pace and let's them know there were fun things to do before TV and computers."

For more information about the Harvest Fest, contact the library at (734) 699-3291 or the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Garden

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habitat must be planted, monitored and measured for one year, and application will be submitted with monitoring data next year in hopes of becoming certified.

"We're probably going to stop here in the next few weeks because it's getting cold, but we'll start again (next year)," she said.

Parks was assisted by Mollie Wimsatt, a summer co-op student in the WFG organization. She took this project on as one of her many assignments this summer.

The butterfly garden is located to the west of the walkway to the main entrance from the visitor parking lot. Grass was

removed and added on to the existing plants in that area with specific butterfly attracting bushes and plants. There are paver bricks and a picnic table in the area for all to enjoy.

"Right now, we have a picnic table for people who want to eat lunch and enjoy the space," said Parks.

In the future, Parks said wildlife will be documented by hand. There is also a plan to enlarge the garden during Earth Week in April 2008. Parks said she hopes the area can eventually become a source of education for middle school children who want to learn more about conservation in the area.



The finished garden will be monitored for wildlife next year.

To date, GM has 870 acres at many sites dedicated to wildlife preservation, according to data kept by the automaker.

Auction

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County Property Auction had only 20 bidders remaining in the audience when it closed. The auction had originally been scheduled to run at least through Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Out of 2,600 properties offered at auction, a total of 205 property sales were made to 216 registered bidders – less than half the number of bidders from the September auction last year. Properties that were not sold will be offered once again at the October auction, scheduled for Oct. 23-26.

It's not clear how many of the remaining homes are in Romulus.

The condition of the state economy was a major factor in the reduced number of bidders seeking foreclosed properties this year, officials said. But also factoring into the scenario was the fact that fewer properties were made available for auction this year – about 3,500 properties were available, versus about 6,100 in 2006.

Also, 754 occupied properties were removed from the auction process as an attempt to keep homeowners from losing their homes.

"I'm not interested in taking peoples' homes, if that can be avoided," said Wojtowicz. "Our objective is not to throw people out of their homes into the street, but simply to collect the delinquent property taxes

needed to provide funding for many of the government services we have come to expect from Wayne County.

"Unfortunately my office is sometimes left with no options and is therefore obligated by state law to take the property in lieu of taxes due," he added.

Romulus, both before and during the economic slump, was engaged in a building bonanza that added about 1,500 homes to the city. Lambert said that building has slowed, but not because of foreclosures.

"There are some new homes in subdivisions that are selling like crazy," he said. "Hopefully people are getting deals on homes. The developers need to sell them before they build them, though."

The biggest fear of city leaders is that the auctioned homes will become rental homes, or that the ones that don't sell will deteriorate, along with neighborhood property values.

"You don't want a situation where people are buying nice homes, and then they have to live next to renter who may not keep a home up . . . that's not something we want to happen," Lambert said.

About 800 hardship applications, which give property owners another year to catch up with taxes, have been approved should help equalize the foreclosure situation for individuals and communities, said Terrance Keith, the deputy treasurer of Wayne County at an event last week.

Court

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enrolled, Weiss said.

The implementation of the program was finalized two years ago after the district lost 750 students to other school districts in the county, and to charter

schools, during a five-year period.

Wayne County has one the highest rates of unemployment in Michigan, which accounts for some of the losses within the district boundaries, Weiss said.

"People are moving away from here because they can't find work, or they can't pay their house payment," he said. "Even

when you look at districts in Oakland County that were building like crazy, all of that has leveled off."

On Sept. 26, all public districts and charter schools were required to submit a head count to the state to determine per-pupil funding. Many schools had parties and activities for students to ensure their atten-

dance on that all-important date.

During the budget process, it was mentioned that one of the districts five elementary schools could be closed, but Weiss said that prospect is not being discussed at this time.

The September count will be followed up by a final count this month.

News in brief

Dementia seminar planned

Residents who have loved ones suffering any of the numerous forms of dementia are invited to learn more about coping skills and available resources Oct. 11 at the Romulus Public Library.

"Joining the Journey: Connecting With A Loved One With Dementia" will be presented by Carol Crumpton, the community development officer of Arbor Hospice and Home Care. She will explain the nature of dementia, the many forms of the disease and the behavioral symptoms.

Crumpton will also provide useful information about how to interact with those suffering from the disease.

A 40-minute film will be shown about dementia as part of the presentation.

The seminar is free of charge, and no pre-registration is required.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

YWCA seeks outstanding woman

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is hoping to celebrate the success of an outstanding woman with a YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Award.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout western Wayne County in categories including: communications/the arts, business leadership, government/law, dedicated volunteer, young professional, leadership award and young woman.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

For more information or a nomination packet, contact the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. The nomination deadline is Oct. 19.

YWCA 'Takes back the night'

The YWCA of Western Wayne County in collaboration with the University of Michigan-Dearborn to 'Take Back the Night' and spread awareness on violence against women.

The rally and march will take place tonight at the University of Michigan Dearborn's Center Stage. Participants are invited to attend a rally and a march through campus to symbolically take back the streets from acts of violence. Survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence will also share their stories.

For more information on this event, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110 ext. 28.

OPINION

The day after pigs fly

There was a strange scene in the City of Plymouth on Monday night. A wind-up flying pig—flapping wings and all—could be seen hovering over a few locations and a score of the stuffed pink things decorated City Manager Paul Sincock's desk.

Both were in celebration of the closing of the sale on the old Bathey property, a run down, vacant landmark that has vexed the city for decades. Our first Plymouth paper—more than seven years ago—predicted a settlement in the tax delinquency case. Now it has finally been sold for development, bolstering the fund balance and brightening the future of that land-locked community.

This deal has been pending for so long, many quipped that it would only be finalized, well, when pigs flew.

Then, Tuesday morning, State Rep. Marc Corriveau hosted a press conference in front of Central Middle School in Plymouth with Jim Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton School District, and representatives from the Wayne-Westland and Northville school districts, too. The purpose, according to the press release we received, was for the education community to praise him for his budget vote.

Sure enough, platitudes were spoken, backs were patted, hands shook and, as the Monty Python group might say: 'There was much rejoicing.'

Well, this must be a first: a legislator calling a press conference for (barely) doing his job.

Approving a balanced budget is the one thing the Michigan constitution requires of our state lawmakers. The Democrats have controlled the House all year, and yet they couldn't get anything approved until it became evident that the government would have to shut down. Even then, they only avoided it by passing one of the largest tax increases in Michigan history, both through a jump in the personal income tax and by spreading a sales tax to what can best be described as an eclectic group of services.

We doubt there will be similar press conferences taking place in front of palm reading shops, or much gratitude coming from those who post or peruse advertisements for escort services.

It's a foregone conclusion that there won't be any press conferences in restrooms—either the ones at freeway rest stops that nearly had to close or the ones where 'rest-room operation services' will now be taxed. And what exactly is a restroom operation service, anyway?

It's not a janitorial service—that falls under a different category, according to the list passed out by the state. But those services—which many cash-strapped districts are looking at privatizing to save money—just got more expensive, too. School officials aren't sure yet if they'll have to pay the tax on those services, should it come to that.

Corriveau voted against the sales tax portion of the budget 'solution' because he said he didn't agree with the types of services or know how the list originated.

But let's be serious. There's nothing to celebrate here. There are no accolades—real or imagined—that should be handed out. Legislators forced this make-believe, 11th hour drama and now they are toasting the concept of politics before progress. Yippee!

Just wait until Plymouth and Northville residents get the new bill for their landscaping services—which are now subject to a 6 percent sales tax. We know of people who spend more on their landscaping than many people make in a month.

We hope this tax won't hurt 'Wild' Bill Copland—the hardest working man we've ever seen in Wayne—his landscaping business or his customers, either.

Or when financial advisors start adding that tax to their fees.

Add that to the new tax bills the mostly affluent people in Corriveau's prime communities will receive; they'll be hit doubly hard. Do you think anyone will still be willing to thank him or any other of the legislators responsible for this last-minute 'victory'?

Only if those flying pigs are still around....



Here's a real disconnect

I expected two things when I went to the Wayne 2020 Committee meeting last Wednesday: fireworks and a crowd.

I didn't see either.

It was the first meeting of the group since their memo to the city council requesting a resolution to focus on downtown revitalization didn't find enough support to go for a vote. Based on that alone and the allegedly concerned discussion since then, I thought some members of the council or city administration might show up.

Nope. Just one of the committee's liaisons, myself and Mathew Mullholland—but he's running for council, so his presence was excused.

What I did see was a real disconnect between the committee and the council, a rift that was glaringly evident after the city council meeting where the downtown resolution was discussed. Or not discussed, depending on your point of view.

There was frustration from the committee—stated through questions, statements and general body language. They're supposed to be the 'think tank' of the city council, according to Bev Shackelford, the council liaison to the committee. They're supposed to make recommendations.

If that's so, committee members asked, why are they not even discussed? Why can something as innocuous as a resolution to support downtown

revitalization not even muster up a second for a vote?

It's a funding issue, was the reply.

Never mind that the committee didn't ask for funding, they merely wanted some recognition and a little affirmation.

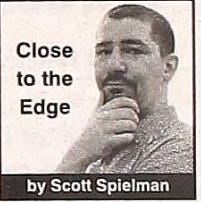
It's a funding issue. We're not asking for funding. Back and forth. It was like watching some weird kind of verbal tennis match in which I didn't know the rules—or the point.

Finally the group asked the big question: how do we move forward?

The answer to that is better communication and, since the council has made virtually no attempt to communicate with the group, it'll have to fall on the 2020 Committee to initiate and continue that communication.

It's also clear that they need a new council liaison. Shackelford just doesn't get it. I don't know of anyone on the council now that would be any better, but I sat there listening to her respond to—I can't say 'answer'—questions and I had to clench my teeth. They'd ask a direction question and the next thing you know, they'd be talking about signs, gas stations and fire trucks.

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Just call it the Magic 8 Ball tax

About two years ago, I accompanied two friends to the largest psychic fair in the country, on a lark.

One of my friends was told she would lose her job, and the other was told she would get married. The woman we paid \$45 for what turned out to be fun told me that she had no idea what I did for a living, and added that I needed to watch my back.

Though the state was in fiscal disarray two years ago, I for one, could have never guessed that psychic readings would be one of several discretionary services that would be taxed to help save Michigan. In my opinion, this and the other services that will be taxed, will not help our situation much.

Consider this: Psychics, like escort services, house sitters, pet sitters, and other services often operate under the radar. They are going to be difficult to tax because the under-the-table dollars are not easy for authorities to pin down. When you consider that golf—an easy to track service and avocation that many of our legislators engage in—was left out of the new tax proposal, you have to wonder:

Is this really going to lift us out of the state the state finds itself in?

It begs other questions, both at a national and state level. One of the biggest reasons municipal governments are in crisis is because of health care

costs. But why is no one looking at the source of those costs?

Why are drug companies allowed to charge \$35 per pill for some medication, because it proves to be in demand? Why are doctors allowed to charge more for services if the patient is insured, than if he or she is uninsured? Why are doctors not required to publish somewhere in their offices all of their fees, so insurers aren't getting ripped off simply because they have the assets to pay?

The expected government shutdown, though it never materialized, put legislators in a place where they needed to find a solution quickly. Though they had seven months to iron out a deal, it's clear they didn't ask the questions they should have. Instead, they keep talking about the cost of benefits like insurance in partisan terms, such as reducing benefits for public school teachers and other government employees.

If lawmakers went to the source, or encouraged someone else to look at where these costs originate, we'd be better off. When they don't, we get left with the bill.

The only thing I can say right now is good luck getting that sales tax from the psychic.



Sad but True

by Molly Tippen

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LETTERS

Support for petition sought

To the editor:

A concerned group of citizens in Michigan's 15th Congressional District recently began an online petition at www.actdingell.com to show Congressman John Dingell that he has his constituents' support in taking stronger action to fight the causes of global warming. Dingell, as chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, is most likely the individual who will write our nation's legislative response to global warming.

The two goals of the petition are reasonable and modest: One is to mandate a fuel efficiency standard of 35 miles per gallon by 2020; the other is to fund programs that make it possible for the United States to reach 20 percent renewable energy by 2020.

The consensus of the scientific community is that the time to stop global warming is running out. Even though the Detroit auto industry has resisted increasing fuel efficiency because it claims that will hurt its bottom line, a recent study by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) found that U.S. automakers would in fact increase market share and profits if the U.S. adopted a fuel efficiency standard of 35 miles per gallon.

Taking action on this issue would not only help us environmentally, it could even help Michigan's struggling economy.

Thirty-five miles per gallon by 2020 isn't a silver bullet. It is, however, a step in the right direction. Rather than fight a higher fuel efficiency standard, we should embrace it and focus our energies on bringing federal dollars into the region. Please join me by signing the petition. Go to www.actdingell.com. It takes only a few minutes to digitally sign, but your signatures are what it takes to encourage Dingell to do what's right for Michigan's future—and the planet's.

Mark Maynard

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Committee

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The City of Wayne does things differently than any other community I've covered. In places like the City of Northville, the City of Plymouth, Northville Township and the like, they have liaisons from the city commission, council or township board to the various other boards in the their communities. At the end of their meetings, these liaisons actually report on what happened to the rest of the council, commission or board of trustees.

Here nobody talks about it. In the case of the recent memo or resolution or whatever you want to call it, the one person in the room—other than 2020 mem-

ber Sherrie Pryor—who was there during the discussion didn't say anything about it. She didn't support it or explain it. Last week she said she hadn't even talked to anyone else on the council about it since then.

The Wayne 2020 Committee is right to feel frustrated and neglected. You can't tell a group they're a think tank and then let them tank more than think. You can't have a group meet every month to come up with ways to promote and improve the town and then turn around and tell them they have to garner support at city-sponsored dinners, or that it'll take four months of lead time to get a project or two in front of a yearly 'goals' session in hopes that we can inch toward a better tomorrow.

Good government doesn't have to work that slowly.

NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER
WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in this County, Tuesday, November 6, 2007 and that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday or a legal holiday, receive application for registration from any elector entitled to register in said City, not already registered, who may apply for said registration.

Registrations will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007
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WAYNE COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MILLAGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL
BALLOT ADVISORY QUESTION

SHALL THE LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (1.5 MILLS) OF THE TAXABLE VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, 2011 TO 2020, INCLUSIVE, AS NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE REPLACING A PRIOR MILLAGE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS WHICH SHALL EXPIRE WITH THE 2010 LEVY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW? IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 1.5 MILLS WOULD RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$51,839,157 WHEN FIRST LEVIED IN 2011.

YES NO

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO ELECTORS
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, from 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

WAYNE COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MILLAGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL
BALLOT ADVISORY QUESTION

SHALL THE LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (1.5 MILLS) OF THE TAXABLE VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, 2011 TO 2020, INCLUSIVE, AS NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE REPLACING A PRIOR MILLAGE AUTHORIZATION APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS WHICH SHALL EXPIRE WITH THE 2010 LEVY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW? IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 1.5 MILLS WOULD RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$51,839,157 WHEN FIRST LEVIED IN 2011.

YES NO

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Romulus.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
6	Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Drive, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
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Record breakers

Students 'read' their way into Guinness record book

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Students at Edgemont Elementary School have set a new Guinness World Record.

The Belleville school received notice recently that they set the record for 'Most People Reading Aloud Simultaneously in Multiple Locations.' Edgemont students were some of the 223,363 participants from all 50 states and 22 countries who read a passage from Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

"We had hoped to break the record," said Anita Norman, teacher and organizer of the students and the staff. It introduced this wonderful story to a new generation and reintroduced the story to fans who haven't read it since childhood."

In Charlotte's Web, a small pig named Wilbur finds that the most powerful force in the world is the bond of friendship. Wilbur, the runt of the litter, has a youthful manner that makes him seem naive to the other animals in his new barn, but to Charlotte—the spider who lives in the rafters—he is a welcome friend. Through this story of friendship and kindness, the aim is to build awareness of the wonder and miracles often found in the simplest of things, according to officials.

Everyone who participated in the event read a part from the classic tale at noon on Dec. 13, 2006. Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder and Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor were on hand to serve as witnesses and sign a statement for the world reading record.

Principal Karen Mida said finding out the news was an exciting way to start the school year.

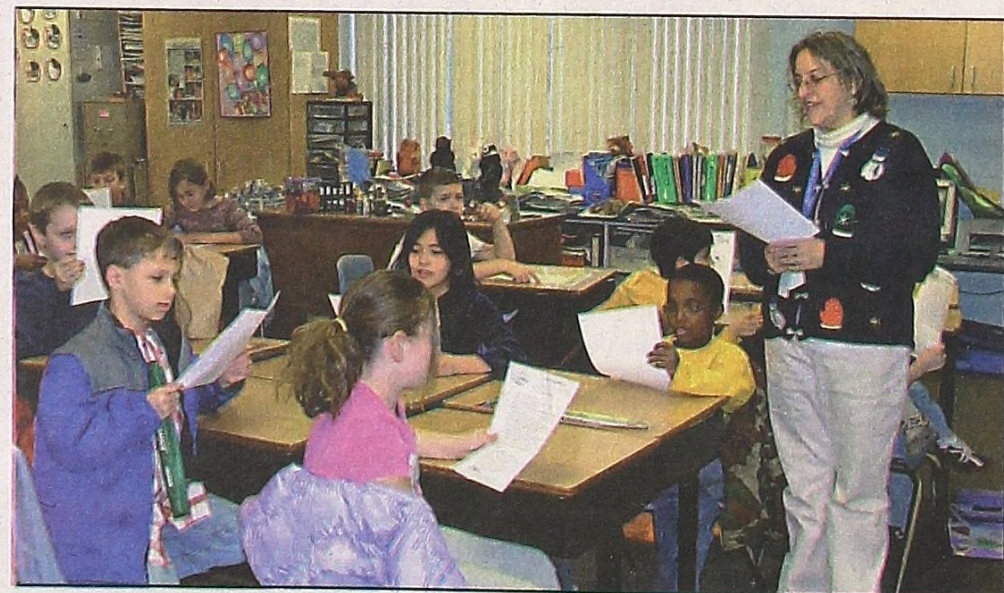
"Good leadership, community involvement and getting the teachers and students on board got us this national recognition," she said. "It's always good to achieve a goal."

The previous record of the largest number of people reading the same piece of literature aloud, simultaneously and in multiple locations, was 155,528 students from 737 schools throughout the United Kingdom. They read the poem, Daffodils, by William Wordsworth on March 19, 2004, according to the Guinness World Record.

"We are thrilled to receive the official confirmation from Guinness World Record," said Michael Flaherty, president of Walden Media. "Our movies seek to remind kids about the great stories that are found in literature. This record attempt was another way to demonstrate to young readers not only the joy that comes from reading, but also how universal reading is. This record brought together young readers from every state and from many other countries in a shared educational experience."

Mida said she doesn't want to stop here, either. The school originally participated to bring awareness to reading and bring the school together for a common goal. Now that they have achieved that, she said, she would love to do it again.

"The kids all got on board to work together and that's how we succeed in life," Mida said. "They were so excited and felt a sense of worthiness. That pride is important."



Cynthia Henning, a fourth grade teacher at Edgemont school, reads the passage from Charlotte's Web for the event that took place last December.

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Rotary Club helps fund community chorus

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation in Belleville awarded a \$3,000 grant recently to the Belleville Community Chorus.

The grant will support efforts to expand community participation in the chorus and help fund the start-up expenses for costumes and folders, officials said.

“We had a successful inaugural season receiving more than 1,100 audience members at nine performances,” said Jim Corrigan, administrator of the chorus. “The Cozadd Rotary Foundation grant will allow us to reach even more

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We look forward to working with area schools, churches and civic groups to recruit both children and adults to join us.

Jim Corrigan

audience members and singers.

“We’ll also include a children’s chorus at our Dec. 9 winter concert,” he added. “We look forward to working with area schools, churches and civic groups to recruit both children and adults to join us.”

The Cozadd Rotary Foundation grants support pro-

grams and projects that provide a benefit to the community. Past recipients include the Fred C. Fischer Library, the Belleville Area Museum, the Van Buren Public Schools and other education, health care and public safety organizations.

“The Belleville Community Chorus has added greatly to the

cultural base within the greater Belleville Community,” said Don Juchartz, secretary and treasurer of the foundation. “We are happy to show our support and appreciation in this manner.”

The Belleville Community Chorus, through the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, offers opportunities for performance of mixed-voice choral music in a variety of styles. All singers ages 18 and older are welcome. The children’s chorus is open to all area students in third grade through eighth grade. For more information, contact Abby Fleming at (734) 483-6578 or visit www.bellevillechorus.org.

Organizers hope for local ‘Dream Cruise’

If all goes according to plan, several communities in western Wayne County will host an event that will rival the annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

Don Nicholson, the capital fundraising chairman for the Historic Wayne Theater who also organizes a charity car show every year, said he wants to start a classic car cruise called

Cruisin’ Michigan. It will debut next year.

“I’m still getting all of the details worked out with each city,” Nicholson said.

He’s met with officials from Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn about the plan. It would bring classic cars and hot rods to a 12.5 mile stretch of Michigan Avenue

from Wayne to Dearborn, he said.

He said he hoped to schedule it in early 2008, perhaps as late as June or July.

“I’m confident that it could become the biggest or second biggest car cruise in Michigan within the next two years,” Nicholson said.

The concept has been met

with enthusiasm wherever he’s presented it, he added.

He said the event would differ from the Dream Cruise in that it would feature five free concerts, too—one in each city.

“It’ll give people that are not into hot rods or classic cars the chance to come out and enjoy some entertainment, anyway,” he said.

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THE KINGDOM (R)

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GAME PLAN (PG)

11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R)

12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 FRI/SAT LS 11:45

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Linda R. Choate, Clerk Pamela Marrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-270
2. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 4, 2007.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 3A. Senior Alliance Presentation - No Action Required.
- 3B. No Action Taken.
- 07-271
- 4A. Motion by Crout, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Julius (McGowan) Muwwakkil
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-272
- 4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution congratulating 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green designated a”Wornan of Distinction” honored by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson’s Report.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-273
- 6B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with City Treasurer Pamela Kersey, pursuant to Section 211.51 of Michigan Compiled Law and General Property Act 211.53, grant request to defer the due date of 2007 summer and winter taxes without penalties and interest for the following Qualified Homestead Property Taxpayers:

62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

- Paraplegic, Quadriplegic
- Eligible Service Person, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow or Widower Blind Person
- Totally and Permanently Disabled
- Household income must not exceed \$35,000 (please note that the household income has increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000).

Applications for tax deferment must be filed in treasurer’s office no later than September 30, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-274

7. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to direct the Administration to meet with Wayne County, Commissioner Boike, The Airport Authority and all tax paying residents who reside on Harrison Road between Eureka and Northline Roads (Air traffic flight pattern).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-275

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-17 in the amount of Six Hundred, Fifty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$658,253.15).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Bragg,, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2007 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS



Belleville forward Patrick Mudroch, (center), heads the ball among a host of Romulus defenders last Wednesday. Belleville won the match, 5-2. Photo by Jeff Novak

Belleville Kickers hold off Romulus rivals, 5-2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

the team's second score almost seven minutes later at 25:19.

The Belleville Tigers took advantage of their opportunities against Romulus last Wednesday.

The Mega rivals—both young but rising soccer programs—battled it out on Belleville's home turf last week. The Tigers won the bout, 5-2.

Belleville had struggled often with putting the ball in the net even though they had plenty of opportunities throughout the first half of the season.

A mohawked senior defender and co-captain Chadd Skruggs led all scorers with back-to-back goals in the first half for Belleville. His two goals put the Tigers up, 4-0. The first was on a penalty kick that skidded by Romulus goalkeeper Chris Reyna with about 12:18 left in the half. The second was a header off a pass from midfielder Jeff Grant.

"We definitely had our opportunities today," said Belleville Coach Brent Held. "It was good for us to finally get some balls in the net especially with some of our forwards that have snaked in here in the past. So it was good to see and hopefully we can continue that and carry it on."

Sophomore Royce Acho opened up the scoring at the 32:14 mark of the first. Senior Sergei Anderson followed up with

"We've been working on making sure our transition out of the back with the defenders bringing the ball up rather than just kicking the it out, getting it under control, bringing the ball up the field and making a good pass to get things started," Held said. "And I think that showed today."

Trailing 4-0, Romulus got things under control in the second half. The Eagles played better defense and Reyna had some huge saves when Belleville applied pressure. At the 27:26 mark of the frame Michael Statham surged through Belleville's backfield and popped the ball over a fallen defender and past Belleville goalie Robert VanAssche. That cut the tigers' lead to 4-1.

Bellville answered with a goal by senior mid Ryan Meyers at 22:46 to regain the team's four-goal lead, 5-1.

Romulus didn't give in and Statham added his second of the night with a header off of a corner kick with 3:45 remaining.

Romulus won the second half but ran out of time to win the game for the second meeting with Belleville this season.

"I felt that they didn't start the game like I wanted to see them," said Romulus

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SPORTS

Kickers

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Coach Joel Hockin. "They weren't playing up to their ability but they turned it on in the second half. We've been a second-half team all season and we've beaten (Belleville) in the second half both times that we played them; it's just the first half that we haven't.

"I told them that they were wasting their time out here if they weren't going to

put their entire heart into it and just play to their ability," he added about his half-time speech.

Romulus hosts Melvindale at 7 p.m. on Monday and Thurston at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

"We just have to build on what we've done so far this season," Hockin said. "We have the most goals we've had for Romulus. We're approaching 20 goals, which is double of what we did last year. It's a young program and we're still growing."

It won't be easy for the Eagles.

Before Romulus, Belleville came off of

a 4-3 loss to Melvindale—Romulus' next opponent.

A slow start contributed to the loss, according to Held.

"We allowed two goals in the first 15 minutes," he said. "We didn't have energy but we started fighting our way back."

The Tigers tied the game, 2-2, in the second half but the Cardinals

Belleville's Jeff Grant (24) tries to maintain control against Romulus' Idiakosa IgbinoBaro.



CITY OF ROMULUS

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 13, 2007, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:.

WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	Indefinitely 2010
Romulus School District	September, 1999	18 mills	2011 (non-homest only)
	September, 1999	16.63 mills	2011 (non-homest only)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	June, 1995 February, 2003	18 mills 1 mill	2009 (non-homest only) 2012
Woodhaven - Brownstown School District	May, 2005 May, 2005	18 mills .9778 mills	2015 (non-homest only) 2010

Signed:
RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

FJW:fle

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Dated: August 20, 2007

Linda R. Choate
Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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added two more in the second before Belleville added one more late in the half.

Belleville heads to Thurston at 7 p.m. on Monday and finishes the regular season on the road against Fordson at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Soccer district competition starts for both teams on Monday, Oct. 15.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL

46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District Number 20 and to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Wellington Industries, 39555 S. Interstate I-94 Service Drive, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Part of: V125-83-002-99-0026-704 described as:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: October 4, 2007
October 11, 2007

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

To the Qualified Electors of

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 9, 2007 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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Qualifications for Registration

Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 6, 2007 Election is Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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1. Obituaries

CHARLES, Janet
September 29, 2007 age 79 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Norman. Dear mother of Pamela (Gerald) Smith, Marilyn (Robert P) McKenna and Norman (Anita) Charles. Grandmother of Gerald N. (Vishitra Garig), Jaimie Elizabeth and William L. Smith, Charles and Jack McKenna, Steven (Lindsay) and Laura Charles. Great Grandmother of Lark and Harrison Smith. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services were held Wednesday at Belleville First United Methodist Church. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

DOLBY, Herbert A.
September 27, 2007 age 75 of Westland. Beloved husband of Joan. Dear father of Gregory, Jeffrey (Rhonda) and Christopher (Kelly). Loving grandfather of Paige, Payne and Payton Dolby and Robert Grooms. Brother-in-law of Ken VanEtten. Services were held Monday October 1, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Cremation rites were accorded with burial of cremains at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials would be appreciated to Henry Ford Hospice or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



HUNTER, Leslie, age 83, died September 17, 2007. She was born March 18, 1924. Leslie leaves a rich legacy to her five children and their spouses, James, Valerie, Sheila, Maria and Eileen; grandchildren Laciara, Teona, Paul, James, Jessica, Lydia, Leah, Layla, Trinity, Israel and Donahaven; 7 great grandchildren; sister-in-law Annabelle; nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and many other "sons & daughters", friends, servants in ministry and those who knew her to cherish her memories and celebrate her life. Services were held at Cathedral of Faith, Detroit, MI with Rev. James B. Dickson Jr. officiating. Final arrangements

were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Gardens, Belleville, MI.



LUDY, Lavetia Renee "Veta", age 44, died September 14, 2007. She was born December 13, 1962. Lavetia leaves to mourn, three loving sons, Royce (Deania), Calvin, Lavez, and their father Roy; three grandchildren, Royce Jr., Raymone and Justice; sisters, Deborah Ludy, Nancy Davis, Pansy Coleman (Chuck), Mamie Peacher (Flem), Desiree Joe (Jerome) and Gngelia Ludy; brother, Magnast "Jack" Ludy III; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She will be especially missed by her life long friend Towana Brunson, best buddy Angie and nieces, Waunie, Ash and Drea. Preceding Lavetia in death were her grandparents, Magnast and Mamie Ludy I and Elizabeth Allen, parents Magnast and Lillian Ludy II, brother Gary Ludy, nephew Raymone Ludy and niece Bianca Bradley. Services were held at New Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Lonnie Joe Sr. officiating. Interment was at Detroit Memorial Cemetery West, Redford, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



POINDEXTER, Bennie D., age 77, died September 17, 2007. He was born October 23, 1929. Bennie leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his loving wife Lucille; a wonderful daughter Jacqueline; two very proud sons Anthony and Edwin; four beautiful granddaughters Bianca, Takiyah, Ebony and Andrea; three handsome grandsons Edwin III,

Kriston and Raphael; his brother Clinton; two sisters-in-law Eugenia and Cordelia; nieces Bernice, Marie, Bille and Betty, and a host of loving relatives and friends. Services were held in the Penn Funeral Home chapel with Rev. David R. Jarrett officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

WATERS, Robert B.
September 24, 2007 age 60 of Westland. Beloved husband of Kayrl Dean Zagers Waters. Dear step-son of Mae Waters. Brother of Donald Waters. Brother-in-law of Barbara (the late Thomas) Blacklock, Paul (the late Marjorie) Zagers, Marilyn Mellinger, Alice Fugere, Gloria (James) LaBar, Sue (Kenneth) Turner, Lynda (Nels) Nichols and Beverly Zagers. Nephew of Mary Helen (Kirk) O'Keefe. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Robert was a retired Guidance Counselor with Plymouth-Canton Community schools. Cremation rites have been accorded and were arranged by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



WESTON, Eugene, age 52, died September 10, 2007. He was born August 24, 1955. Eugene leaves behind many fond memories to be cherished by his loving wife Romell; four children, Antwone (Michelle), Latoyra (Deon, Sr.), Corlin (Danielle) and Alyse; five grandchildren, Toruyanna, Tiera, Deon, Jr., Paige and Camran; five sisters, Sandra, Alyse, Darlene, Juanita and Joslyn; sister-in-law, Ruby Weston; brother-in-law, Arthur Hudgens; aunts, Dorothy Turner and Virginia Weston; uncle, James Jenkins; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Bro. Ronald Woodson officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on 10/17/07 at 11:30am, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at:
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Westland, MI

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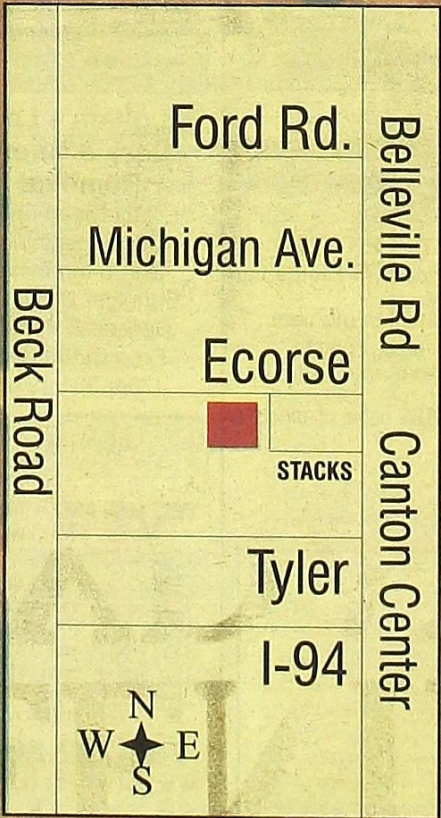


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